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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these citations of official record in this application.

This application is a Continuation of prior application No. 08/736,161 (now Patent No. 5,828,197). The prior application is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Because many of the listed references were either cited by the PTO or submitted to the PTO in the prior parent application, under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) Applicants submit that copies need not be provided for those references cited in the prior application.

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In addition, Applicant lists the following pending U.S. patent applications in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97:

Application No. 08/571,606, filed 12/13/95

Application No. 08/664,086, filed 6/14/96

Application No. 08/709,012, filed 9/6/96

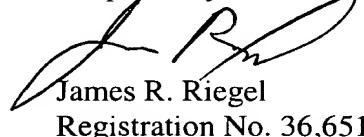
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Respectfully submitted,



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